

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF NANCY MILLIKEN, MD

**HON. NANCY PELOSI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Ms. PELOSI. Madam Speaker, I rise, alongside Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, to recognize the outstanding service and trailblazing career of Dr. Nancy Milliken in celebration of her well-earned retirement. As the Founding Director of the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health at the University of California, San Francisco, Dr. Milliken has touched the lives of women in San Francisco and across the nation. Her long and storied career has been defined by selfless service and unwavering devotion to the dignity of every patient.

Educated at Harvard University and Duke University Medical School, Dr. Milliken began her career facing indifference toward and underinvestment in women's health—among those in the medical field and in society at large. Equipped with a sharp intellect and a lifelong talent for speaking truth to power, she made it her mission to build a fairer, healthier future for women and girls.

In 1996, she helped UCSF establish one of the nation's first centers of excellence in women's health, spearheading efforts to strengthen medical training through clinical care, education, research, community engagement and leadership. These efforts continue to have a daily impact on the health of local women, including through the coordinated care provided at two clinics in San Francisco.

Under Dr. Milliken's leadership, the Center has also worked with community organizations across the country to open doors to quality, affordable health care. Partnering with a school district in Jackson, Mississippi, the Center helped provide education and physical activity programs to local students and residents. And in Grand Forks, North Dakota, it worked with a local clinic to provide critical resources for survivors of intimate partner violence.

Among her peers, Dr. Milliken is renowned for her courage and resilience. While organizing a conference with other centers of excellence, she led the charge to host practitioner workshops covering topics viewed by some as taboo, including abortion and lesbian health. In the face of much resistance, she successfully fought to ensure that attendees could access comprehensive educational sessions on these important subjects.

Always looking to the future, she has also worked to prepare the next generation of women's health practitioners. In partnership with Congresswoman SPEIER, Dr. Milliken has helped educate more than 10,000 high school students through the Young Women's Health and Leadership Summit—an annual event organized by and for the young women of San Francisco.

Rarely seeking the spotlight, Dr. Milliken is more interested in her long-term impact than

accolades or titles. She readily shares credit and eagerly mentors those seeking to follow in her footsteps. Yet her remarkable achievements have been recognized by an array of professional and community organizations, including the Academy of Women's Health, the Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Hunters Point Family.

Right now, women across our country are bracing for a Supreme Court decision that will dramatically restrict our Constitutional rights and health freedoms. As we confront this challenge, our nation is blessed by the warriors trained by Dr. Milliken, who are prepared to defend the health and welfare of American women.

Congress and the Country salute the committed service of this brilliant researcher, doctor, leader and friend, and we wish her all the best as she prepares for a deeply deserved retirement.

**MATTHEW MARKEE**

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the honor of attending Matthew Markee's Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony. Matthew graduated from Cape May County Technical High School and obtained his Eagle Scout ranking as a part of Troop 65 in Cape May Court House. For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew restored the Cape May County Park South pavilion in Villas, South Jersey. Before Matthew's project, the pavilion had paint peeling off and a leaking roof. To remedy the issue, Matthew removed the old tar paper and roof shingles from the pavilion and replaced them himself. He also painted and cleaned up the pavilion, restoring it to original condition. Matthew completed the repairs, gained the funding for the project, and recruited volunteers for the project on his own. He should be very proud of his service to South Jersey and Park South, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors. God Bless Matthew, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING ALCOA MASSENA OPERATIONS ON THEIR 120TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Alcoa Massena Operations on 120 years of successful operations in Massena. The abundant hydroelectric energy supply in Massena drew Alcoa to the location in 1902 and, since then,

the facility has become an integral part of the community.

Alcoa Massena Operations is a great example of a facility focused on innovation and modernization. One hundred and twenty years ago in Massena, New York, Alcoa broke ground on what is now the world's oldest continuously operating smelter and has been focused on revolutionizing the aluminum industry by helping their customers develop more sustainable solutions.

The Alcoa Massena plant is comprised of 198 pre-brake lines, making it one of the largest and most automated potlines in the industry. Alcoa Massena Operations can produce an incredible 800,000 pounds of aluminum every single day. In addition to smelting, the plant uses the melted aluminum to produce over sixty different alloys and rolling aluminum rods for customer shipment. Alcoa Massena Operations provides over 550 jobs for Massena community members, making an important element of the dynamic North Country economy.

The jobs and services provided by this plant are integral to the vitality of Massena and the entirety of the North Country. On behalf of New York's 21st District, it is my honor to congratulate Alcoa Massena Operations on one hundred and twenty years of continuous service. We thank them for all they provide to our community.

CELEBRATING MRS. RUTH BRIDGEFORTH LESTER

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 21, 2022*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of service of Mrs. Ruth Bridgeforth Lester.

Mrs. Ruth Bridgeforth Lester was born in Southaven Mississippi to Mr. Gedie and Mrs. Willie Ruth McGowan Bridgeforth on November 17, 1938. She was 13 years old when her mother passed away and she began her lifelong journey as family Matriarch. With eight younger sisters and brothers she remained devoted and committed to taking care of family members. As the eldest, she made many sacrifices to help support the family and help her father Gedie raise her siblings.

Those early experiences prepared her for life as a businesswoman. She faced many obstacles planning for business administration and ownership, but her past experiences emphasized vision, commitment, and a capacity to serve and honor others. Ms. Lester had learned to overcome any fears, erasing any and all doubts, and "bridging forth" to new endeavors. Thus, Ms. Lester became the proud owner of The Final Touch, the first nail salon, in Memphis, TN. She and her business partner opened the nail salon in October 1972.

Ms. Lester continues to give, serve, and create capacity throughout her family and the

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